

It is not educationally sound to use ERate without web filtering. Including web filtering software in ERate funding would allow schools to rate and judge filtering based on need, services and effectiveness rather than primarily on how much it costs.

Virus protection software is a must. Because students are being taught how to use the Internet and how to watch for viruses, they may make mistakes. These mistakes can be very costly to the school if top-of-the-line virus protection software is not available. Again, it would be very beneficial if the schools could choose virus protection without cost being the major factor.